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±AM-Defectors±

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Washington, June 7, Reuter -- Accounts by two Romanian diplomatic defectors have raised new questions about how the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) handles highly sensitive but potentially valuable sources of information.

Nicola Traian, 32, and Nicolae Horodinca, 35, described the procedures in a recent interview with Reuters during which they also accused the CIA's resettlement division of reneging on promises made by the agency's debriefing division.

The CIA has declined to comment on their allegations.

The two men said the agency had surprisingly chosen to conduct its interrogations of them in English, which they speak with some difficulty, rather than in their native language.

Traian, who said he had been Romanian intelligence station chief in Islamabad, Pakistan, and Horodinca, who had been third secretary at the embassy in Washington, sought out a reporter after officials threatened last month to evict them from flats provided by the CIA.

Both men are still learning new professions and have not yet found work.±

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